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## **Broward Sheriff's Office Hosts Police Town Hall Forum**

Thursday, Nov. 12TH, 7 PM – 9 PM Jarvis Hall 4505 Ocean Drive Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Fla.

The Broward Sheriff's Office Lauderdale-By-The-Sea District will host a BSO Police Town Hall on Thursday, November 12, 2009 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The event will be held in Jarvis Hall, 4505 Ocean Drive, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea.

Residents will have the opportunity to learn about the Broward Sheriff's Office and the many services we provide. Crime prevention and public safety information will be disseminated. Residents will also have the opportunity to interact with members of the Lauderdale-by-the-Sea district. Members from our Citizens on Patrol (COP) program will be in attendance as well, to provide information on how residents can become involved with ensuring the safety of their own communities.

According to BSO Lauderdale-by-the-Sea District Chief Oscar Llerena, "Unfortunately, much of peoples' knowledge of how a law enforcement agency operates comes from movies and television shows. Their only interaction with a deputy sheriff may be during a traffic stop. This forum will not only allow our residents to receive first hand, accurate information on how their police department operates and the services we provide, but will also give them the opportunity to interact and speak with their deputy sheriffs in an informal and comfortable setting."

Snacks and refreshments will be served, courtesy of the Town of Lauderdale-by-the-Sea. Lauderdale-by-the-Sea residents of all ages are welcome.